Claims

1-16. (canceled)

17. (currently amended) A messaging method, comprising:

selecting a <u>message type for a</u> message for delivery to at least one selected recipient;

evaluating application presence data associated with the recipient <u>and an application associated with the selected message type</u>; and

processing the message based on the evaluation.

18. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising obtaining the application presence data from a presence repository.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 17, further comprising obtaining the application presence data from an application server.

20. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising delivering the message to the user if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is available.

21. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising discarding the message if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is unavailable.

22. (original) The method of claim 17, further comprising directing the message to a destination selected based on the evaluation.

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) A messaging method, comprising:

displaying user presence data for a list of recipients;

delivering a message of <u>a selected message type</u> based on the displayed user presence data; and

displaying a message preparation indicator associated with at least one recipient and the selected message type, wherein the message preparation indicator is associated with message preparation of a message of the selected type by the at least one recipient.

25-30. (canceled)

31. (currently amended) A messaging method, comprising:

preparing a message of a selected message type for delivery to at least one selected recipient;

evaluating application presence data associated with the selected recipient and the selected message type; and

transmitting a message preparation indicator associated with the selected message type to the selected recipient based on the evaluation.

32. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising obtaining the presence data from a presence repository.

33. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising obtaining the presence data from an application server.

34. (currently amended) The method of claim 31, further comprising delivering the message to the user if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is available.

35. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising discarding the message if the evaluation indicates that the recipient is unavailable.

36. (previously presented) The method of claim 31, further comprising directing the message to a destination selected based on the evaluation.

37. (new) The messaging method of claim 17, wherein the selected application is at least one of a chat application and an instant messaging application.